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FROM WATER CONTAINING CALCIUM)
HYDROGEN CARBONATE IN HIGH)
CONCENTRATION)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing of the Response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 in the above-entitled application for two months from **May 26, 2003 to July 26, 2003**.

Applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of Four Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$410.00) which covers the Extension of Time Fee Required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,


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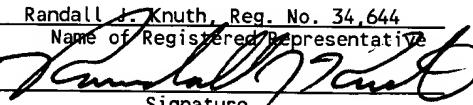
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